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United Press Appoints H. L. Stevenson, 42, Editor

NEW YORK — United Press International, the wire agency, announced the appointment of H. L. Stevenson as editor and vice president to succeed Roger Tatarian, who is retiring to join the journalism faculty at Fresno State College in California this fall.

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Mr. Stevenson, 42 years old, had served as managing editor of UPI since 1965, after a career with the agency that began in its Jackson, Miss., bureau in 1953. Mr. Tatarian, 55, had worked for UPI since 1938 and served as London bureau chief, manager for Italy and general news manager for the agency's operations in Europe, the Middle East and Africa before returning to New York in 1959 as managing editor. "Considerations of health" were said to be behind his departure from UPI.

UPI is owned by E. W. Scripps Co., a privately held concern that also owns the Scripps-Howard chain of newspapers.